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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Noritaka MIYAMOTO et al.) Group Art Unit: 1762
Serial No.: 10/713,350) Examiner: K. A. Bareford
Filed: November 17, 2003) Confirmation No.: 3165
For: THERMAL SPRAYING DEVICE)
AND THERMAL SPRAYING)
METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated March 11, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to a thermal spray apparatus; and Group II, claims 5-7, drawn to a method of thermal spraying.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 5-7, drawn to a method of thermal spraying, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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